

exchange of a Minister." These recommendations, as well as Jefferson's further one, that *Mr. Morris* might be discontinued, received the unanimous endorsement of the Cabinet. There were, in consequence, no further communications between the two countries until a more liberal government sent representatives to the United States in the autumn of 1771. nearly eight years after peace had been declared.

The new envoy, Mr. Hammond, had served his country in Paris at the time Jefferson was stationed there, and their personal acquaintance may have brought about a courtesy of intercourse on both sides. Hammond communicated in July his powers to negotiate, but not to conclude, a treaty of commerce; and in December there followed between them an official correspondence whose object was the mutual adjustment of the existing treaty. It continued until May, 1775, in what may be regarded as Jefferson's *State Papers* «» on *Foreign Relations*. The document is very short; it takes up in detail every allegation of violation, the payment of debt, the right to the land, and the land's violation «4 hrr promi>.e in surrender, "with all convenient speed," evlrain parts of the American frontier. The paper, however, had no important effect upon the actions of the land.

We have seen Jefferson's opinion of their friendship entertained by France for America. For many years after Yorktown, political differences arose concerned merely commercial relations and were insignificant. Nor were these friendly relations disturbed, even when, in November, 1777, Washington's Cabinet decided it expedient to suspend payment on (the French debt. The king<sup>1</sup> had been dethroned and the affairs of the nation seemed to the outside world to be in a state of chaos; but by February, 1793, Washington arrived here and the Revolution was a reality, and that the French government must be recognized and its friendship revived, payments on the debt were then resumed, So far through no serious division in the Cabinet; but the events which immediately followed the Revolution were more and more recognized by the country, in January the French government was in March